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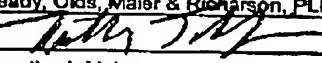
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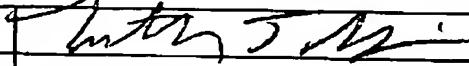
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THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
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  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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  - A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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